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WANTED-School Board Candidates!

(Lamoine) — Two resignations and two term endings will likely result in a very different school committee next spring. As of late December only one person was circulating a nominating petition for one of the four open seats.

The terms of Tammy Dickey and Frank Murray expire as of the March 2006 town meeting. Mrs. Dickey has indicated she probably will not run again. Neither she nor Mr. Murray had taken out papers.

Julie Tilden who was appointed an interim member until the 2006 town meeting intends to run for a 3-year slot on the school committee. Mrs. Tilden took the vacancy created when Linda Haft resigned from the school board when she took a job in Kentucky. That resignation left a term that will expire in 2007, thus the availability of a 1-year term seat on the school board.

The other vacancy came when Bonnie Marckoon submitted her resignation in December, effective at the March 2006 election. Mrs. Marckoon said she wanted to devote more time to her family and found it difficult to devote enough time to effectively continue serving on the school committee. She was re-elected in March 2005, and her seat will be a two year term.

The election will leave current school board chair Faith Perkins as the lone holdover from the 2005 town meeting. Superintendent of Schools William Fowler said the board is losing a great deal of institutional memory with the vacancies, but he looks forward to working with the new board members.

Nomination papers are available from the Town Office. To appear on the ballot, candidates must gather signatures from at least 25 registered voters.

Single Vehicle Crash Kills 22-Year Old Driver

(Lamoine) — State Police investigated a crash on November 22nd that claimed the life of the 22-year old Trenton man who was driving. Barry Smallidge was pronounced dead at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital in Ellsworth. Smallidge grew up in Lamoine and was

not.

The call came in shortly after 8:30 PM that a vehicle had rolled over and a person was trapped. Lamoine's fire department immediately called for assistance from Ellsworth and Hancock, but on arrival it was

Heating Fuel Spills On Seal Point Road

(Lamoine) — The Maine Department of Environmental Protection and Lamoine Fire Department responded quickly to a report of a home heating fuel tank leak on Veterans' Day—but that report came a few days too late. The spill on Seal Point Road occurred at the outlet of the fuel tank, and the smelly fuel leaked onto the dirt basement's floor. Enough accumulated to activate the sump pump in the cellar which shot the fuel outdoors and into drainage paths leading across the road to a small pond. Firefighters



The Cleanup

Crew members from Clean Harbors use a suction truck to lift spilled heating fuel from the ditches near a Seal Point Road residence.



Mud Creek Road Wreck

The remains of a pickup truck after it left Mud Creek Road, hit a stump area, and rolled over several times, pinning and killing driver Barry Smallidge.

determined the way to recover Smallidge was to roll the truck off him. Smallidge was unresponsive.

Police believe speed and alcohol were factors in the crash. The night was windy, cold and rainy but the road was not particularly slippery. Firefighters had just returned home following a pair of reports of trees down across Shore Road and Raccoon Cove Road due to the high winds.

The Hancock Fire Department helped close down Mud Creek Road for approximately an hour and a half while Trooper Thomas Pickering and Sergeant Edward Bonney took pictures and measurements at the

employed at a chain-saw shop in Trenton. A passenger in the truck, Brandon Sprague of Lamoine, was able to walk away from the crash. Police say Sprague, who owned the truck, wore a seat belt while Smallidge did

scene to help reconstruct the accident. The crash was the second fatality this year in Lamoine. The first occurred last June when 14-year old Janina Haslam was struck by a car on Lamoine Beach Road.

Selectmen Explore Salt Sand Shed Options

(Lamoine) — A complaint to the Department of Environmental Protection may spur the town to construct its own salt/sand storage shed.

On Election Day, the DEP's Erich Kluck arrived at the town office to let officials know that the privately owned salt/sand pile on Needles Eye Road was in violation of several rules. The pile is used on town roads by Nankervis Trucking which leases the land. Several dead trees downstream from the pile were the giveaway that something was wrong

and salt was getting into the vegetation. A citation was issued to the pile owners who have fixed the problems for now, but the pile remains outdoors.

Mr. Kluck met with Selectmen in December to talk about the options for building a salt/sand shed on town owned land. A shed offers many advantages, including a level playing field for contractors bidding on the plowing job. Selectmen will explore possibly locating the shed on the former Anderson property near the closed landfill.

used absorbent pads and a boom to contain the outdoor spill. Nathan Thompson of the DEP said it appeared the fuel did not soak into the ground very far on the outside of the building, and wells around the area probably will not be affected.

The DEP called in environmental cleaning specialists from Clean Harbors which used a giant suction truck to pick up the heating fuel. The truck spent the better part of two days on the scene.

The inside of the house saw oil saturate the basement floor, with the odor permeating the vacant residence. The owners, who live in Massachusetts, reportedly were getting ready to rent the house. It's believed the floor was to be dug up and the contaminated dirt removed and the house aired out. The DEP's Thompson said his department responds to dozens of similar calls each year, some worse than others. He did not know how much this leak might cost to clean up. There was concern that the home's well was threatened as it is located within a few feet of the bulkhead entrance to the basement. Initial testing, though, did not show any contamination to the household's water.

This is the second fuel tank leak in Lamoine in the past few years. An August 2004 leak occurred at a Buttermilk Road home when a wood pile fell on top of the fuel tank's outlet, snapping it off, and causing several dozen gallons of to spill into the basement. That cleanup took several weeks as the oil seeped into cracks of the concrete floor, migrating to the cellar drains.

Thompson advises homeowners to have their tanks inspected by a professional on an annual basis.

Town Explores Options on Subdivision Road

(Lamoine) — Town Attorney Tony Beardsley is exploring what actions the town should pursue, if any, in regard to a subdivision road built within a few feet of an abutting mobile home. The Board of Appeals refused to act on a submission by Teresa Rohner after neighboring subdivision developer Ronald Simons built the entrance road to the Pine Grove Estates subdivision next to her home.

Planning Board Chair Stuart Branch and Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford met with attorney Beardsley in late December. Branch wondered whether the subdivision proceedings could be reopened. Branch said the Planning Board probably would not have approved the subdivision had Rohner's mobile home been shown to be only a few feet from the subdivision road.

Rohner and Simons have both retained attorneys in the property line dispute case. The town attorney directed CEO Ford to issue a building permit on one lot of the subdivision that was recently sold and could support a septic system. The remaining lots in the plan as approved pump effluent into a common septic system, and the location of the service road could significantly impact the design of that system.

The issue will be on the Planning Board agenda again in January. The Board discussed the issue in December and asked both Mr. Simons and Ms. Rohner if they would be willing to share newer surveys done on the property.

Gym Fundraiser Eclipses \$100,000

(Lamoine) - As her family noted the 6-months since Jina Haslam's death, the outpouring of community support for a new gym in her memory reached a major milestone. The "Jina's Gym" fund hit \$100,000 in donations and other revenues by December 20th. The contributions have ranged from coin drives at various schools to \$10,000 from a philanthropist. Jina's parents, Patti and Bob Haslam, and grandparents Enid and Bill Neleski have worked tirelessly on the fund raising effort and say they're gratified by all the support. At the same time Bob has been recovering from heart surgery and has been unable to work, compounding the family's emotional struggle.

Raising the money to build a new gym for Lamoine might prove to be the easier part of the process. Potential cost estimates range up to a million dollars or more. The Lamoine School Committee is charged with project, and has been looking at the repairs needed to the current school building. An application to the

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State Education Department was pending at the end of the year. If approved the school would receive a small grant and an interest free loan to perform renovations at the existing school to improve things such as the electrical system, the septic and water systems, lighting, ceilings and insulation.

Meanwhile, the Jina's Gym effort is moving full speed ahead. Supporters have even gone as far as to contact nationally televised programs that help with community projects to see if there is any interest in assisting. Details are available at www.jinasgym.org.

Lobster Pound Appeal To Finish In January

(Lamoine) - Provided the owners of the Seal Point Lobster Pound have complied with an agreement with the Lamoine Board of Appeals to erect stockade fencing to dampen machinery sounds, the pound should be finished with the town permitting and appeals process. Neighbors filed appeals when pound owners Anthony and Josette Pettegrow

installed a parking area. The complaints were about truck traffic and machinery noise. The Appeals Board asked the Pettegrows to enclose refrigeration units and a generator. The Pettegrows found enclosure would be noisier due to air flow needs, so the fencing proposal was agreed upon. An inspection is planned in early January with a meeting to follow.

Town Survey Revealing

(Lamoine) — The experts on surveys say a pretty good return rate is between 5% and 10%. The return rate for Lamoine's Long Range Planning Committee was nearly 40%, and folks had a lot to say. The trick for the committee now is to figure out what the town as a whole is saying.

Committee members handed out 525 surveys on Election Day. By the return deadline of November 22nd about 250-surveys had been returned or filled out on-line. The complete survey results are now posted on the town's website (www.lamoine-me.gov/survey).

So what does the survey say? On development issues, the town seems to be somewhat split. The question of whether zoning ought to be put in place to encourage business was answered yes by 101 and no by 127 respondents. On the question about

whether a committee ought to look into potential industrial zones, 136 said yes and 84 said no.

The concern about drinking water was nearly unanimous, with only 12 respondents saying they were unconcerned about the quality and quantity of drinking water in the future.

Whether Lamoine should continue to have it's own school in the future is also an apparent divisive issue. Having a school in town was important to very important for 135 respondents, and not all that important to 80 of those surveyed. Affordable housing promotion was favored by 160-respondents, while half that number said it was not that important.

Comments included with the responses included a lot of concern about speeding traffic and trucks. The committee will study the results and prepare a report for Selectmen.

Town Meeting Date Set, Ordinance Meeting Discussed

(Lamoine) - Mark your calendar for March 7th and 8th as that will be the week for Lamoine's annual town meeting. Elections will take place by secret ballot on March 7th at the Town Hall from 10AM to 8PM. At this time it's believed only municipal officer elections will be on the ballot as no referenda questions have been proposed or even discussed by the Selectmen. The annual town meeting to pass the usual required items and budget matters will take place the next evening (March 8th) at

the Lamoine School Gym beginning at 6:00 PM.

Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford suggested to the Selectmen that a separate special town meeting be held to deal with ordinance changes on an annual basis. That would give voters a chance to focus solely on ordinance issues, while the regular town meeting would deal mostly with budget issues, instead of mixing it all into one meeting. The Selectmen are considering such an option.



Milt Hultman & Bob Brydon of the Ellsworth Post Office installed the new mailbox on November 1, 2005

Mailbox At Town Hall Proves Popular

(Lamoine) — Ellsworth Postmaster Bob Brydon personally brought the official mailbox and helped install it after town officials requested that one be located in Lamoine. It's become an instant hit, with folks shaving 10-miles off the trip into the city to drop off their outgoing mail in a more secure location than a rural delivery box.

Selectman Cynthia Donaldson had requested that the town inquire to the US Postal Service about getting a mailbox due to theft problems over the years. The request had been rejected verbally on a few occasions before, but was approved this time when the security issue was emphasized. The shiny "new" mailbox is actually about 45-years old. Postmaster Brydon said the heavy steel mailboxes are refurbished in Auburn then delivered to where they are needed and bolted to cement blocks.

“Bunkhouse” Permits Prompt Inquiry

(Lamoine) — Tax Assessor Terry Towne and Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford have a differing view on a trio of building permits issued in the Bar Harbor Highlands Subdivision. All three were issued for structures on land that will not support a septic system. None of the buildings have any internal plumbing, but apparently might be used as sleeping quarters on a part-time basis.

Towne says any such structure must, by state plumbing code, have some sort of water disposal system. Ford said he’s made it clear those who sought the permit that all water must be carried in to the property and carried out in containers. To date, no complaints have been received that users of the buildings are disposing of waste water on site.

CEO Ford did issue a pair of notices of violation for that neighborhood. One was for a building that was constructed prior to obtaining a permit. The building contained ventilation for an alternative toilet that requires an internal plumbing permit, but does not utilize a septic system. The property owner has since obtained the building permit and unhooked the toilet.

The other violation was for a deck that was constructed at the site where a Recreational Vehicle was parked on a seasonal basis. The deck has been removed, as has the Recreational Vehicle. The Planning Board had approved the pad for the RV several years ago.

This bald eagle was perched at the top of a tree just outside the town office. Our thanks to Tammy Dickey who alerted us to the bird’s presence. Another eagle was also circling nearby.



Eagles Nest On Jordan River

(Lamoine/Trenton) — A bald eagle nest on the Trenton side of the Jordan River has prompted the state Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W) Department to designate part of Lamoine as an essential habitat for endangered species.

The designation will mean certain development activities are prohibited in the area without approval from the IF&W Commissioner ahead of time.

The area in Lamoine affected is along the Shoreland area of Shore Road, beginning near the intersection with Lamoine Beach Road, and extending southerly approximately 1/2 mile. A copy of the map showing the designated area is available at the town hall, as is information on the particular development constrained in that area.

Lamoine has another eagle habitat identified in the Eagle Point subdivision.

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Sheriff Drops Ballot Probe

State Uninterested

(Lamoine) - Hancock County Sheriff Bill Clark has suspended his investigation into improper photocopying of official ballots used at a special town meet last June. The Sheriff informed the town office that the Attorney General’s office and Secretary of State would not reply in regard to what law might have been violated by photocopying and distributing official ballots.

The case came to light when several “ballots” were returned through the town hall mail slot on Election Day with votes checked off. The ballots were photocopies of the official ballot, but printed on white paper instead of the official yellow paper. Town officials immediately contacted the Secretary of State’s office asking for advice on how to proceed with the election, fearing that some people might think they had voted when in fact they had not. The election went on as planned, often with people bringing the ballots they had been mailed to the polls and being advised they had to complete the yellow ballot instead.

It’s believed the phony official ballots were photocopied from an absentee ballot that left the office. Sheriff Clark questioned one of the parties that obtained and returned their ballots in that manner. The other person who used the same method refused to speak with the Sheriff. For now, the case remains inactive pending further developments.

Planning Board Approves Permits, Tackles More

(Lamoine) — The number of subdivision applications has dropped significantly this year, giving Lamoine’s Planning Board some breathing room. The Board, though, is not lacking for activity.

A number of gravel pit renewal applications were before the board at year’s end with a few more due early in 2006. The Board conducted site visits at the pits licensed by Doug Gott & Sons, Inc. and RF Jordan. Final plans were submitted in late December with renewal expected at the January meeting.

The Board is also looking over the preliminary plans for a subdivision of land off Woodcock Lane (Partridge Cove subdivision road). Toby Stephenson plans to divide a large tract of land into four lots. He had

already divided his lot once, so the next division triggers the subdivision ordinance.

The Planning Board gave approval to a small marina operation submitted by Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford at its November meeting. The plan also required approval from the Army Corps of Engineers and involves placing some moorings in front of Ford’s property on the Skillings River. A small building will be moved to the property to accommodate boaters.

The Board approved a subdivision of land off Shore Road. Steve and Patricia Leonard Johnson plan to build a home off Otter Lane where they’ve already constructed two cottages. The third residence triggered the subdivision requirement.

Work Continues on Shoreland Code

(Lamoine) — Lamoine’s Planning Board hopes to be ready for town meeting with major revisions to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Another workshop is scheduled in January as the board peruses the ordinance in an effort to bring it in line with the state model.

Voters last approved changes to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance in 1993, adopting a modification to the state model. Several issues have cropped up in the last 16-years which will be incorporated into the changes. The Planning Board will hold hearings prior to the town meeting at which changes will be proposed.

Land Lease Offered

(Lamoine) — Doug Gott & Sons, Inc. has asked the Board of Selectmen if the town is willing to lease land behind the closed landfill in order for their company to stockpile excavated gravel materials. The land was previously excavated under a contract between Gott and the Town which provided significant amounts of income to the community from the gravel sales.

The proposal was initially presented to Selectmen at a meeting in November. Surveyor Steve Salsbury plans to come back to the board in 2006 with a formal plan and lease offer. Selectmen do not expect to make a huge amount of money from the proposed lease.

Permits Issued

(Lamoine) — Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford issued the following permits for the last quarter of 2005:

Nbr.	Name	Project
54	Hodgkins, Harlan	Deck
55	O’Connell, Davin/Sara	Residence
56	Fickett, David	Residence
57	SWOAM	Sign
58	Ostermeier, Charles	Residence, Garage
59	Moore, James	Residence, Garage
60	Bishop, Lewis	Residence
61	Allen, Royden	Sun Room
62	Gettman, Robert	Garage
63	Ashey, Michael	Shed
64	Workman, Stewart	Shed
65	Haass, William	Garage
66	Harvey, Dorothy	Addition
67	Leavitt, James	Residence
68	Giles, Paul Jr.	Residence
69	Pulver, Robert	Garage/Studio

Building permit issuances are posted on the town’s website (www.lamoine-me.gov) shortly after the permits are issued. After a request from Tax Assessor Terry Towne, the website is also listing the plumbing permits issued as well. Click on the Code Enforcement Information box, and then the permits index for the current listing as well as past permits issued.

The Code Enforcement Office generates a monthly report for the Planning Board as well. That report is also available at the town’s website. CEO Dennis Ford holds office hours on Tuesdays from 10:00 AM until Noon. Permits are required for most building projects in Lamoine.

Conservation Commission News *by Carol Korty*

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(Lamoine)-Lamoine's Conservation Commission chose two points of focus this fall: the next phase of the Freshwater Initiative and recycling options for Lamoine.

Last year the Freshwater Initiative focused primarily on gathering data about wells over or near the sand and gravel aquifer. Recordings were made of groundwater table elevations in many locations; some tests for water quality were run as well. Fortunately, no red flags appeared! The first phase of the Freshwater Initiative has provided us with a baseline to which future studies can be compared. Continuing to keep track of water levels and testing for quality over a long period of time is important if we are to avoid surprises, or worse yet, crises. Therefore, the LCC will work to see that selected wells in Lamoine, Hancock, and Ellsworth will continue to be monitored for both quality and quantity. The main focus this year, however, will be setting up an educational program involving Lamoine's Consolidated School and Ellsworth High School in which students will be taught to conduct simple water quality tests on water samples and to enter the data onto computer spreadsheets. The intent is to make water testing part of the science curricula in both schools. John Peckenham and Teresa Thornton of the George Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research at UMaine will create curricula to interface with that of the schools and the state's mandate. A training session with teachers will occur this winter, with the testing and data entry in the spring. We're excited about this next phase

and are happy that teachers and principals are enthusiastic as well.

Recycling options: Why care? We'd like to save the town money, as the cost of hauling trash from our transfer station is predicted to rise significantly. And we'd like to lessen the amount of stuff that is dumped into landfills, when many of those materials could be re-used. Lamoine is surrounded by quite a variety of models for recycling, as many of our neighboring towns have systems different from ours. The LCC has been researching these models, doing some crunching of numbers -- the process is more complicated than we first thought -- and brainstorming. Be on the look out for one or more public sessions in which we'll present our findings and seek opinions and ideas from other Lamoiners.

Many other concerns have been brought to our attention. Among them are: access to the shore, activity in the inter-tidal zone, sustainable forestry, reclamation of used gravel pits, and bike & walking paths. These are important issues, but we can not address them until more volunteers step forward to help us -- as Georgia Munsell did when suggesting an annual trash pick up day, which she now coordinates each spring. Thank you, Georgia! LCC has generated an additional wish list as well. We sure could use help making signs for the Transfer Station; creating art work for presentations -- to name just a few.

LCC meets on the second Wednesday of each month, 7-9 PM at Town Hall. Everyone's welcome--please come and join us!

Budget Committee Wrestles With Cap

(Lamoine) — The burning question before Lamoine's Budget Committee this season has been whether the town will be faced with increasing the cap on municipal property taxation. No definitive answer has yet come. The town is currently barred by state law from raising any property tax money for the non-school, non-county portion of the budget. An override vote must be approved in writing by the town meeting in order to raise that cap above zero.

Preliminary budget submissions by the various town boards and staff show an increase in the expenditure side of 8.9% with a reduction in municipal revenues of just over 1%. If approved as proposed at year's end, property taxes would need to raise \$53,335 to fully fund the municipal (non-school, non-county) budget. That translates to roughly .23 mills, or \$23 on property worth \$100,000. The current mill rate for the school and county budgets is 7.3 mills, or \$730 for a \$100,000 piece of property.

The committee will begin review of the school budget in January. The preliminary submission from the school department shows only a 0.44% increase in the expenditure side of the budget. Combined with a large amount carried forward and state education aid, the amount needed from property taxes in the proposal actually would fall by a few thousand dollars if approved as presented. Final budget recommendations are expected January 23rd.

Tax Rate Calculation Error Means Low Rate

(Lamoine) — The State Legislature monkeyed around with the Homestead Exemption during its 2005 session, saving a significant chunk for homeowners. The changes were also reflected in the various forms supplied to Assessors, but without explanation on how to re-figure calculations. That translated into a tax rate in Lamoine that was probably lower than it should have been.

In previous years the amount of value exempt under the Homestead laws has been included in the total taxable value at the beginning of the calculation sheet. Now, because the state is only reimbursing half of the amount, all the homestead value was apparently supposed to be deducted from the taxable property. Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon provided the higher tax value to the Assessors to base the mill rate upon. To compound the problem, half the exempt value was to be added back, creating a doubly higher value.

Thankfully, the amount called “overlay”, the difference between what was needed to raise and the amount raised exceeded the amount lost in the calculation error, meaning the town coffers will not suffer significantly. In discussing the error, Selectman Richard Fennelly Jr. noted that had the calculation been done correctly, the tax rate would have been higher. He said erring on the side of the tax payer to have a lower bill is never a problem. Marckoon says he’ll make sure it’s correct in 2006.

Parks May Get Fancy New Signs



Proposed Sign

Parks Committee members say they'd like to construct signs similar to this one in Acadia National Park at Lamoine's 3 Park Areas.

(Lamoine) — Lamoine's newly formed Parks Committee have asked the Budget Committee to include funding for three kiosk type signs to be constructed at Lamoine Beach, Marlboro Beach and Bloomfield Parks. Funding is proposed to come from the parks fund that has built up over the past few years. The signs will cost about \$1,150 each. Committee members say the signs should be attractive.

Trash Hauling Bids Sought

(Lamoine) — The town is seeking bids to haul waste and recycling from the transfer station to the incinerator in Orrington and the recycling collection point in Bangor. The current contract with Pine Tree Waste expires June 30, 2006, and is the 2nd largest component of the solid waste budget.

Specifications for the job were mailed to a list of trash transportation contractors obtained from numerous sources, including the State Planning Office. Bids are due by January 26, 2006. It's hoped the bids will give the Selectmen and Budget Committee an idea of how much will be needed in the 2006/07 budget for transportation in time for town meeting.

Capital Plan Developed

(Lamoine) — Selectmen and the Budget Committee have an idea of what's coming down the road in the next 10-years in regard to capital needs. At the request of both boards, town officials have submitted their list of major projects that will require funding. The list includes things like a revaluation, replacing the town hall and fire station roofs, fire apparatus purchases, town hall additions, and road paving projects.

The various needs were laid out on a spread sheet and the suspected needs were listed for each year to give an idea of what funding will need to be set aside to accomplish the projects. Some fine tuning is still needed on the capital projects plan.

Record Rainfall Floods Town Roads

(Lamoine) — The Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria could have sailed into some parts of Lamoine on Columbus Day Weekend as 10-inches of rain fell in a 36-hour period, overwhelming some drainage culverts. Long term damage, though, was relatively minor.

The 9-1-1 calls started coming in all at once on the Sunday morning where roads had flooded. The Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department quickly swung into action. A crew was working at a training exercise in Hancock and quickly returned to town to help with traffic barricade placement in the worst



Going With the Flow

Parts of the shoulder of Pinkhams' Flats gave out during the Columbus Day storm when water overwhelmed the culvert underneath.

areas. Virtually every road barricade the town owns was used to alert drivers to the problem spots. Since the storm, the Hancock County Emergency Management Agency has obtained more barricades and let the town have ten of them. That should greatly aid with future road

closings.

The hardest hit road was Pinkhams' Flats (Route 204) when the culvert around the corner from the town



Don't Go There!

Firefighter John Karst helped direct traffic away from flooded Pinkhams' Flats

hall had too much water to handle. Part of the shoulder on the outlet side collapsed, and that prompted the fire department to completely shut down the road with barricades. Some motorists foolishly ignored the signs and got out of their vehicles, and moved the barricades to take the popular shortcut between Routes 1 and 3. Thankfully they all stayed on the road and the collapse was limited to the shoulder.

The other major problem was on Jordan River Road (also Route 204) when a culvert on the rebuilt section was overwhelmed. That washed out the entrance to the Alisha Rose residence. Town officials were able to get in touch with Maine Department of Transportation dispatchers who had a crew on scene within twelve hours allowing Ms. Rose to return to her home.

Nearly every fire department member helped out with the many calls, and every fire truck was utilized. Only one flooded basement call came in, that on Douglas Highway in North Lamoine.

Lamoine Couple Indicted for Robbery

(Ellsworth) — A newly married couple from Lamoine are accused in a home invasion robbery in January 2005 that netted the thieves about \$60,000 in cash. Stephen Robbins and Juanita Mullins were married last summer, weeks before they were arrested for the crime. They have pleaded not guilty in Hancock County Superior Court and remain free on bail.

Investigators say the duo entered a Buttermilk Road home in the early morning hours and tied up the elderly woman who resides there with tape, cut the phone line, and gagged her. The thieves stole a heavy safe that contained cash receipts from a local septic tank pumping business from whom Robbins had once worked. The victim was once married to Mr. Robbins' grandfather.

Robbins and Mullins claim they were not in the state at the time of the robbery, but deputies investigating the crime say the couple cannot give a good accounting of where they were. Large cash purchases by the pair after the heist were also questioned. Search warrants were executed at their Douglas Highway residence following their arrest. It's not known when the trial will take place.

Fire Department Walls Finally Cleaned, Painted

Local Nurse Shoots Dozens



This won't hurt a bit

Nurse Carol Smith gives Lamoine resident Ken Ward his flu protection in November

(Lamoine) — The day after Election Day was nearly as busy at the Lamoine Town Hall. The Health Link program at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital gave out flu shots for \$5.00 each.

Perhaps remembering the 2004 flu vaccine shortage people flocked to the office for shots, with over 100 rolling up their sleeves to avoid the chills and aches that accompany the flu.

Lamoine residents Iris Simon, Nurse Carol Smith and volunteer Maralyn Hunnewell put on the annual clinic, as person after person came in for their shots. Mrs. Simon said the program didn't make any money on the deal—the vaccine cost more than the price they charged. Private vendors were selling flu shots for \$25.00.

Election Night Fire Damages Stove

(Lamoine) — Despite the request for just a quick look-see, firefighters responded to a stove fire call on Partridge Cove Road on Election Night with lights and sirens. Chief Skip Smith says that's the normal response. The homeowner had called the town hall after his propane stove blew out a window.

When firefighters arrived they found an extremely hot stove. The homeowner had shut off the gas, but the heat threat prompted volunteers to carry the stove to the outside. The stove was considered a loss, but there was only minor smoke damage to the house.

2005 Busiest Ever for Fire Department

(Lamoine) - A decade ago a busy year for the Lamoine Fire Department would be 30-calls. This past year saw 61 incident responses by the LVFD. The last month of the year, though, has been quiet, with but one call, and that was a mutual aid request that was canceled en route to Trenton.

During the past quarter, accidents made up the majority of calls, including a motorcycle wreck at Douglas Highway and Shore Road, traffic control in Hancock, and a fatal crash on Mud Creek Road (see pg. 1). Firefighters also assisted a worm digger who collapsed on the flats off Narrows Way, and removed a couple of trees from public roads during a storm in November.

(Lamoine) - For a few years now the Lamoine Fire Department has been looking for a contractor to paint the interior of the fire station. A contractor who made a bid last year went out of business after he accepted other employment. The job was finally awarded to firefighter Mary Harney who recently went into the business.

To save money on the huge job, the specification was changed from a painting project to focus more on cleaning the walls and patching any holes that needed it. Since the fire station's construction in 1990 soot and dust from the trucks had accumulated on the walls and ceiling, leaving them looking very messy.

Three years ago the fire department and town had a ventilation system installed that sucks the diesel smoke from the tailpipes of the trucks outdoors. Besides being better on the lungs of the fire department members, this will also leave the walls cleaner for a long time.

Harney, who's business name is Bear Meadow Enterprises, started the project in October and encountered a number of setbacks. While visiting her native Ireland, she was struck by a car just prior to starting the project. Her injuries were not serious. After starting, her car was rear ended in a collision in Ellsworth, again with only minor injuries. The ceiling in the fire station had to be completely painted, as cleaning would have flaked away the material the ceiling was made of. Selectmen and the fire chief approved the change order to cover the cost of the ceiling paint.

The project had been budgeted at just over \$6,000 and carried forward for several years. By the time Harney finishes, it should cost the town approximately \$4,100. She should be done in January.

No Proposals Yet On Buttermilk Road

(Lamoine) — The oft asked question of the fall is what's happening on Buttermilk Road. Big pieces of forestry equipment started removing trees by the hundreds from an undeveloped parcel on the South side of the



What's Happening on Buttermilk Rd?

A crew from Crane's Contract Cutting has worked late into the night felling, limbing and loading trees onto trucks for shipment.

road, and a large swath on the North side yielded large amounts of trees. North Lamoine contractor David Crane said he was hired by the landowner to cut the wood which is now fetching good prices at paper and lumber mills. Crane said he's not sure what the New Hampshire landowner intends to do with the property. The town office has received no proposals regarding the land or any inquiries about any development project.

Bangor Hydro Purchases Subdivision, Building

(Lamoine) — Bangor Hydro Electric is looking seriously at a new high voltage power line to serve Mount Desert Island, and Lamoine might lay smack in the middle of the path. The utility has started purchasing land along a potential route, though officials say nothing is carved in stone, yet. Several regulatory hurdles at the state, federal and local level must be cleared before any line is constructed. Utility representatives attended a



Power to the People (of MDI)

Bangor Hydro Electric's Gerry Chasse explained how the current power grid serves Hancock County to a crowd at the Lamoine Conservation Commission meeting in October

High Voltage Line Could Run Through North Lamoine

meeting with the Conservation Commission in October and explained that Mt. Desert Island is under-served. A new line, potentially from the substation in Hancock, would be used to eliminate the need to run the expensive diesel powered generators in Bar Harbor during peak usage times. Currently only one transmission line runs to MDI, down Route 3 in Trenton.

Gerard Chasse of Bangor Hydro stressed to the audience that the utility has not decided on any final route at this time. The company has recently purchased two pieces of land in

Lamoine, though. One was the recently approved Beal Estates subdivision off Douglas Highway. That stretches nearly all the way to Buttermilk Road, where the utility had purchased a house lot about 12-years ago. The second purchase was a home on 119 Buttermilk Road that went up for sale. The former owner, ironically, had called the town office to express concern that surveyors working for Bangor Hydro were cutting trees on her land. Chasse said if the line doesn't follow that route, they could re-sell all the house lots in the future.

Trash Totals Plummet

(Lamoine) - With one more week of trash to send to the incinerator in Orrington it looks as though the annual amount of trash will drop approximately 23-percent in Lamoine. That should save at least \$6,600 in the bill that Lamoine has to pay to the PERC incinerator.

Several factors may play a part in the reduction. The biggest may be Pine Tree Waste's segregation of commercial trash away from the town's residential garbage. The company found it had mixed in the commercial trash and refunded the town for the estimated overage. At the same time, other trash companies have picked up some residential and commercial accounts in Lamoine lowering the amount going to the transfer station.

Recycling may be playing a part too, as weights seem to be up a bit in 2005. Finally, as the town noticed that weights (and costs) were rising, it instituted a new trash sticker program. Transfer Station manager Allen Sternfield has been quite diligent in requiring users to have the proper residential sticker to use the transfer station.

The 2005 estimated tonnage will be in the 580-ton range, which is about 2% higher than the amount sent to the PERC plant in 2000. It costs the town an average of \$45/ton to dispose of the trash at the incinerator where it is burned to produce electricity. Each ton of trash recycled avoids that cost and depending on the material recycled, generates some revenue to the community used to offset the transportation cost to the Bangor Recycling Center.



The Eagle Has Landed
Atop Lamoine's Flagpole In November



Cutting More Than Taxes
Former Selectman Glenn Crawford slices steel to attempt to raise the railings.

Entrance Project Continues

(Lamoine) — The attempt to bring the town hall entrance into full compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) for voting continues. A new light installed by Noel Dechar (Excalibur the Electrician) lights up the ramp at night for meetings. Railings still need to come up by a couple inches, and former Selectman Glenn Crawford of C&C Machine will be working on that. Additionally he will install rails along the rebuilt pavement ramp.

While at the town hall seeing how best to raise the railings Crawford finally installed an eagle atop the town hall's flag pole. The town had purchased the eagle in the 1990's when the pole was installed, and it sat at the machine shop for years waiting for installation, which was no small trick. While Crawford climbed an extension ladder leaned against the pole, firefighters Mike Jordan and Stu Marckoon held it steady the base. A few shots with a welder, and the eagle finally had a new home.

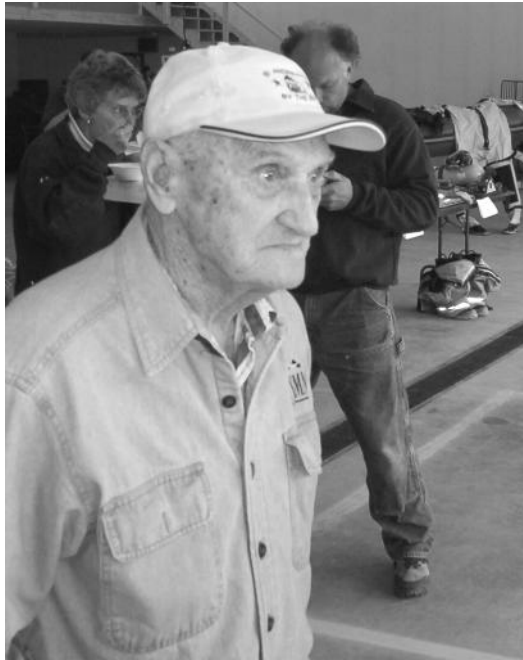
Abatement Denied

(Lamoine) - Selectmen denied a tax abatement request submitted by Douglas and Beverly Coleman of Seal Point Road. The Colemans said tax assessors had erred in previous years in regard to the valuation of their land which was protected by a conservation easement. State law provides that only the Selectmen can abate taxes a year after the tax commitment is made. The same law, though, prohibits the Selectmen from granting abatements for errors. The Board of Assessors advised the Selectmen in regard to the law. The recent factored revaluation prompted the abatement request.

Cable TV Sale Proceeds

(Lamoine) — Selectmen in Lamoine have opted not to oppose a transfer of the Cable TV Franchise agreement from bankrupt Adelphia to Time-Warner cable. The Board did not endorse a resolution promoted by attorneys representing several Maine communities. The sale to Time-Warner is expected to conclude in early 2006.

Boston Post Cane to Move On



Lamoine's oldest resident, Arthur Vidito (shown at the 2004 fire department open house) passed away in December at the age of 97

(Lamoine) — The passing of Arthur Vidito in Florida in December means the *Boston Post Cane* will be awarded to the town's oldest citizen again. Mr. Vidito held the cane for several years before his death at the age of 97. A search of the voting records finds the next in line for the cane is Jennie Neleski, who's also 97-years old. Arrangements are being made to turn over custody of the cane to Mrs. Neleski in the near future. Mr. Vidito was an original founding member of the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department in 1948.

Lamoine Natives Serving Their Nation

(Lamoine) - Mill Road resident Nancy Jones said it would be nice to report on where some young folks from Lamoine serving in the military are stationed. She even did the research for us! Thanks Nancy.

Chad Smart—The son of Earl & Carolyn Smart is stationed aboard the USS Enterprise in Norfolk, VA with the United States Navy. Chad did make it home for Christmas.

Nathaniel Jordan—Jim & Jeannine Carney's son is with the US Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton in California. He and his dad drove cross county in the fall to get him back to the base with a car.

Jason Richter—Phil & Karen Richter's son is with the US Marine Corps in the reconnaissance unit at Camp Lejune North Carolina.

Nicole Bonney—Ed & Diane Bonney's daughter is stationed with the United States Coast Guard in San Francisco, CA.

Kyle Glass—Rosemary Glass's son is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio Texas.

If you know of a young Lamoiner serving with the military, please e-mail us (town@lamoine-me.gov). We'd be glad to mail them a complimentary copy of the *Lamoine Quarterly*.

Vital Statistics

Lamoine Well Lit for Chirstmas



A wreath shaped like a boat anchor adorned the Duym residence on Marlboro Beach Rd.

(Lamoine) — The holiday season seems to be brighter in Lamoine than in many other communities. Numerous homes boasted large light displays in 2005—the biggest being Richard King, Inc. on Douglas Highway. Other homes keeping the power grid active included the Paul Cirard residence on Mill Road, the Calvin Smith/Mima Grindle home on Asa's Lane, the Stacey Curtis home just up the road from that, the Thomas McIntire house on Lamoine Beach Road, the Earl Smart and Buck Page residences across from the King display, and Jim & Betty Anderson's home on Jordan River Road.

The Lamoine Cable TV channel featured a 15-minute montage of the displays around town, and the website sported many still shots of the displays.



Traffic Stoppers

Motorists on Lamoine Beach Road occasionally have to stop to allow a flock of guinea hens to cross. The birds belong to Amelia Gillette of Ice House Lane and like to wonder away from time to time.

School To Submit Building Application

(Lamoine) — School officials say they planned to submit an application to the state's revolving renovation fund to perform needed upgrades at the Lamoine School. Union 92 Business manager David Bridgham said the firm hired to prepare the application had hoped to submit by the end of 2005 or early in 2006. If approved repairs could be made to the electrical, plumbing, heating and other vital needs at the school with a no interest loan.

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(Lamoine) — New Lamoine residents born in the 4th quarter of 2005 include **Spencer Michael Hamby**, born October 18th.

His family calls Mill Road home. **Conner James Becker** was born the next day. He has since moved out of town, but his grandparents live in Lamoine. **Anna Rose Norris** was born on October 26th and lives on Marlboro Beach Road. **Cayla Ann Swanberg** was born on November 11th. She lives on Tall Pine Drive.

Two marriages this quarter. **Michael Uhrin & Tammy Sprague** were married on October 15th. They live on Birchlawn Drive. **Dorothy Woods and Philip Johnston** married on November 6th. They live on Lamoine Beach Road.

Evelyn Hassett of Lamoine Beach Road passed away on November 11th. As noted above, **Arthur Vidito** died on December 21st.

Town Adopts NIMS

(Lamoine) - Selectmen approved a resolve to adopt the National Incident Management System to respond to emergency situations. The adoption means the town may be eligible for federal disaster aid. Many town officials have already received incident management training required under the NIMS system, but more training is expected.

Lamoine Team Wins Soccer Crown

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Consolidated School soccer team won the Union 92 Championship to complete an undefeated season. Lamoine beat Surry in the championship contest in October under the lights at the Ellsworth High School soccer field.

Lamoine scored 67 goals during the 10 regular season games, and allowed just 9 total goals during the season as the team which featured a mix of experienced and younger players pretty much dominated the action in most contests. The Union 92 final was recorded and telecast the next day on Lamoine Government channel 7.



History Returns to Historical Society
Eagle Scout candidate Ben Rudolph completed his project to display the bell from the Marlboro Chapel in the fall of 2005. The bell had been stored in back of the building, and now sits on a piece of granite with the building's sign mounted around it.

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8	9-6:30 PM Planning Board Workshop	10	11-7PM Conservation Commission	12-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	13	14
15	16-Office Closed, Federal Holiday 7PM Parks Cmte	17-7PM Long Range Planning 7PM—School Board	18	19-7PM Fire Dept.	20-Nomination Papers Due	21
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29	30	31				

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			1-7PM Assessors (Late Fees charged on dog licenses)	2-7PM Fire Dept	3-Absentee ballots available for town meeting election.	4
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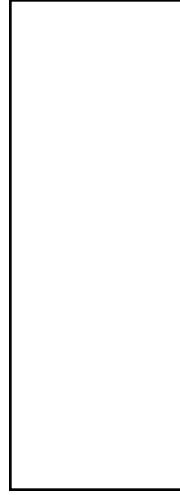
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